

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 10-17 as follows:

U.S. Patent No. ~~621550B1~~ 6215550B1 discloses a method by which a sample collection adhesive cap having an adhesive film, which bonds only an area irradiated with IR laser light, is mounted on a sample, a necessary area on the sample is irradiated with the IR laser light, and ~~it~~ the necessary area is collected by bonding only the necessary area on the sample to the adhesive film surface.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 5-13 as follows:

Further, in these methods, to ~~trance~~ trace a contour of a necessary area on a sample with laser light or scan a beam of laser light on an entire necessary area of a sample, there has been put into practical use an apparatus that uses, e.g., an electric XY stage with step motors for moving a sample side with respect to a fixed beam of laser light, or an apparatus that uses, e.g., a laser light beam scanning mechanism with galvano mirrors for scanning a beam of laser light with respect to a fixed sample.

Please amend the paragraph at page 34, lines 11-18 as follows:

In a state that the relay lens 131 is positioned in the optical path, as shown in FIG. 8A, the substantially parallel beam of laser light directed toward the objective lens 6 is once converged by the relay lens ~~13~~ 131 and then enters the objective lens 6, again converted into the substantially parallel beam by the objective lens 6, and illuminates a relatively wide range of the sample 41.

Please amend the paragraph at page 35, lines 3-12 as follows:

A projection magnification of the reflection pattern depends on the relay lens ~~43~~ 131 and the objective lens 6. The relay lens ~~43~~ 131 is designed to have energy that is insufficient for evaporating the sample but enough to destroy the DNA per unit area of the sample surface. Therefore, the laser light applied to the sample 41 does not have the energy density that is sufficient for evaporating the sample but has the energy density that is sufficient for destroying the DNA.

Please amend the paragraph at page 40, lines 8-15 as follows:

Subsequently, the relay lens ~~13~~ 131 is removed from the optical path by the relay lens attachment/detachment mechanism 132. In this state, as shown in FIG. 8B, the laser light is converged by the objective lens 6, and the sample 41 is irradiated with this beam. A beam of laser light applied to the sample 41 has an energy that is sufficient for evaporating the sample 41.